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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 16, 2016, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2016-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examination" RIS 2016-09 requests that licensees voluntarily submit projections of their site-specific operator licensing examination schedules as well as the estimated number of applicants planning to take operator licensing and generic fundamental examinations for years 2018-2021.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) hereby provides as enclosures to this letter the requested information on NRC form 536 for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2, Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2, and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2. The estimates provided represent SNC's current understanding, but are subject to possible change in the future. These enclosures supersede previous similar RIS responses.

This letter contains no NRC commitments or proprietary information. If you have any questions regarding the material of this submittal, please contact Ken McElroy at (205) 992-7369.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

1. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
2. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
3. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2

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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
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Enclosure 1

NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2



**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	8	0	12
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	9	0	9
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	0	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	02/25/19	N/A	02/22/21
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	03/04/19	N/A	03/01/21

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2017</u>		<u>CY 2018</u>	
	MARCH	SEPTEMBER	MARCH	SEPTEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	17	0

Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
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Enclosure 2

NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>	CY <u>2020</u>	CY <u>2021</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>	CY <u>2020</u>	CY <u>2021</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	8	0	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	09/16/2019	N/A	09/13/2021
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	09/23/2019	N/A	09/20/2021

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2017</u>		CY <u>2018</u>	
	MARCH	SEPTEMBER	MARCH	SEPTEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	13	0

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Enclosure 3

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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 1 and 2

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	0	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	10	0	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	0	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12/03/2018	N/A	05/04/2020	12/06/2021
ALTERNATE DATE	12/10/2018	N/A	05/11/2020	12/13/2021

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2017</u>		<u>CY 2018</u>	
	MARCH	SEPTEMBER	MARCH	SEPTEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	16	0	0